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Water Board to Meet Next Week in Boise

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Recently acquired federal salmon recovery funds will be one of several agenda items discussed by the Idaho Water Resource Board when it meets on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at Idaho Department of Water Resources Headquarters in the Idaho Water Center in Boise.

The Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Funds total \$2.1 Million and will be used for long-term acquisitions of water rights in the upper Lemhi Basin to help the State meet its minimum stream flow obligations under the Nez Perce Agreement signed last year by state and tribal officials.

Board members will also hear a progress report on Idaho's first managed aquifer recharge demonstration project, which will be constructed on the Northside Canal outside Wendell. Survey work at the site began last summer, construction is set begin in the fall, and the project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2007.

The Board will also consider two loan requests: the City of Hope is requesting a \$185,000 loan to build a new water treatment plant, and Harbor View Estates, near Coeur d'Alene is requesting a \$700,000 loan to expand its water treatment plant and to build a new storage tank to help accommodate future growth.

Tuesday's meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. in IDWR's sixth floor conference center. The Board will also hold a work session on Monday, January 23, 2005 in the same location beginning at the same time.

Both meetings are open to the public. Both agenda's are posted on the IDWR website:
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